Amendments to the claims:

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- A segmented digital to analog converter, comprising: 1. (Currently Amended) an input for receiving an input signal;
- a first segment configured to receive and convert one set of digital bits of the input signal to an analog signal;

a second segment configured to receive and convert a second set of digital bits of the input signal to an analog signal, the second segment having series of resistors configured to receive the second set of digital bits, a first current source connected at one end of the series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the series of resistors;

a third segmented series of resistors having a set of resistors from along which an output can be generated; and

an output for outputting an analog signal.

- A segmented digital to analog converter according to 2.(Currently Amended) Claim 1, wherein current is transmitted between the first and second current source in a manner that substantially removes error in the transmission of the second set of digital bits, and wherein an output signal is generated along the third segmented series of resistors at a point along the series of resistors.
- A segmented digital to analog converter according to Claim 3.(Currently Amended) 1, wherein current is transmitted between the first and second current source in a manner that substantially removes error in the transmission of the second set of digital bits without creating a disturbance in the circuit as a whole, and wherein an output signal is generated along the third segmented series of resistors at a point along the series of resistors.
 - A segmented digital to analog converter, comprising: 4. (New)
- a first segment having a first plurality of resistors and configured to receive and convert one set of digital bits of a digital input signal to an analog signal;
- a second segment configured to receive and convert a second set of digital bits of the input signal to an analog signal, the second segment having a second series of resistors configured to receive the first set of digital bits, a first current source connected at one end of the

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second series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the second series of resistors; and

a third segment having a third segmented series of resistors including a third set of resistors connected end to end from along which an output can be generated at any point between the resistors.

- 5.(New) A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein the third segmented series of resistors further includes one current source connected at one end of the third series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the third series of resistors.
- 6.(New) A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein the third segmented series of resistors further includes one current source connected at one end of the third series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the third series of resistors, and wherein the control of at least three current sources are coordinated.
- 7.(New) A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein the third segmented series of resistors further includes one current source connected at one end of the third series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the third series of resistors, and wherein the control of at least three cascoded current sources connected to each of the three segments are coordinated.
- 8.(New) A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein the third segmented series of resistors further includes one current source connected at one end of the third series of resistors, and a second current source connected at another end of the third series of resistors, and wherein current is delivered from each of the three current sources connected to each of the three segments in a cascoded manner.
- 9.(New) A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein each of the three segmented series of resistors is connected to one set of cascoded current sources that

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provide current to one end of each series of resistors, and at another end to another set of cascaded current sources to provide current to another end of each series of resistors.

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- A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, wherein each of the 10.(New) three segmented series of resistors is connected at one end to one set of cascoded current sources to source current to one end of each series of resistors, and at another end to another set of cascoded current sources to draw current from another end of each series of resistors.
- A segmented analog to digital converter of Claim 4, further comprising at 11.(New) least one additional set of segmented series resistors, wherein each segmented series of resistors is connected to one set of cascoded current sources that provide current to one end of each series of resistors, and at another end to another set of cascoded current sources to provide current to another end of each series of resistors.
 - 12. (New) A segmented digital to analog converter, comprising:

at least three segments that each have an individual plurality of resistors and configured as a set to receive and convert one set of digital bits of a digital input signal to an analog signal;

wherein each segment is connected to one set of cascoded current sources that provide current to one end of each series of resistors, and is connected at another end to another set of cascoded current sources to provide current to another end of each series of resistors.

- 13. (New) A segmented digital to analog converter according to Claim 12, wherein at least two segments each include an individual segmented series of resistors that are each connected at segmented points to a switching circuit.
- A segmented digital to analog converter according to Claim 12, wherein at 14. (New) least two segments each include an individual segmented series of resistors that are each connected at segmented points to a switching circuit, the converter further comprising additional successive segments of resistors connected one end to and receiving current from one set of cascoded current sources and further connected another end to and receiving current from another set of cascoded current sources.

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15. (New) A segmented digital to analog converter according to Claim 12, wherein at least two segments each include an individual segmented series of resistors that are each connected at segmented points to a switching circuit, the converter further comprising additional successive segments of resistors connected one end to and receiving current from one set of cascoded current sources connected to each other via an inverted gate connection and further connected another end to and receiving current from another set of cascoded current sources.